

TRAIL OF JOAN OF ARC TO BE MARKED

Stone Tablets to Follow Route of Maid.

Vaucouleurs, France.—The trail of Joan of Arc, Maid of Orleans, is to be marked permanently as France's tribute to her on the Frenchhundredth anniversary celebration of her exploits. The progress from the town of Domremy to the court of Charles the Dauphin at Chinon, to Orleans, where she raised the 20,000-year-old banner, to Rheims, where she crowned the dauphin, King Charles VII; to St. Denis, close to Paris, and eventually to the state at Rouen in the north, is to be denoted by stone tablets set up at points of greatest importance in connection with her story. It will take 18 months to put them in place.

Three Thousand Weary Miles. In all, the trail will cover more than 3,000 weary miles which the girl soldier, clad in armor and riding a white horse, traveled in less than fourteen months of terrific campaigning. She always pushed forward faster than her seasoned warrior companions advised, never resting or sparing herself.

This little town, a few miles from Domremy, where Joan's father, a tanner, daughter of a tanner, peasant family heard the voices which started her on her military career, was the starting point of her journey. The story begins at dawn February 22, 1412, when Joan, disguised as a young merchant and accompanied by six faithful followers, set out for Chinon and the court of the dauphin, to tell the story of her voices and offer her sword to France.

She rode a white horse, given her by an uncle, and she was followed by father and angry tears, bearing her for her mother's girl.

A Big, Healthy Girl. She was a big, healthy girl of eight years of age, strong from working in the fields, tending her father's flock and doing the housework of a medieval peasant cottage. Eighteen months later she met her death, almost too feeble to stand up. War, hardships and imprisonment made a white-faced, hollow-eyed shadow of the peasant girl.

Joan raised the siege of Orleans April 29, 1429. She crowned the dauphin King of France in the Reims cathedral July 10 of the same year. She was taken prisoner at Compiègne May 24, 1430, and met her death at Rouen May 30, 1431. Dates of dedication of stone tablets will coincide with the five-hundredth anniversary of these dates.

Woman Is Auctioneer; Husband Is Her Clerk

Bournemouth, England.—When Mrs. Ernest Comer of Chichester road, Bournemouth, mounts the rostrum of one of the leading auctioneers in this town and begins selling the household goods of a client, she is not alone.

For although Mrs. Comer is a pioneer of her sex in the strenuous profession of auctioneering, she is acknowledged by male competitors to be one of the cleverest in England. With true womanly intuition she is keen to drive a bargain, and her clients, together with the feminine "gift of gab" has contributed greatly to her success.

Mrs. Comer took up auctioneering about ten years ago, when, owing to her husband's illness, she was compelled to become the family breadwinner. Mrs. Comer now acts as her clerk.

Furniture is Mrs. Comer's specialty, and her husband is an expert on pictures. "But I have sold motor cars and many other articles by auction with success," she added.

Swede and Finn Barks

in Long Ocean Race

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Last year the same vessels engaged in a similar race between these two cities, at which time the *Debut* won, arriving 18 days ahead of the Swedish bark.

Plane to Map Route in Native Australia

Sydney, Australia.—One of the last remaining unexplored sections of the earth outside polar regions, a size of Australia about the size of England, is about to be opened up by airplane.

KNIFE LOST IN WAR

Veteran Recovers Souvenir After Ten Years.

Colar Rapids, Iowa.—Returned to honor after ten years by Curtis E. Richardson, assistant cashier, Hamilton, Ia., lost a knife.

These few words written on a small business card and attached to the hilt of a hunting knife were received by Dr. J. J. Nalbert recently, and thereby a hunting knife was returned to him.

It all happened in the A. E. F. First division battle service in France in March of 1918. While directing the activities of American raiding parties, Dr. Nalbert was wounded and was sent back to the hospital. At the same time he lost a prize hunting knife used as a trench knife. He mourned its loss along with that of several medals won in French and inter-state shooting matches. But the knife was apparently lost forever and Dr. Nalbert had forgotten the incident. But after more than a decade Dr. Nalbert was able to track down his knife again after a series of expeditions. Mr. Richardson, who was a first lieutenant in the field when Dr. Nalbert was wounded, was the first division at that time, had found the knife at a town known as Trevery and had held it for more than ten years before he found it.

Letter Tells Story. On March 4, Doctor Nalbert received the following letter from Mr. Richardson:

"I am glad to see you receive this letter but I feel it will be a pleasant one if you are the man I am looking for. During the war I was stationed in a town called Trevery in the department of Meuse, France, for several months, and while there I found a hunting knife with your name on it, which was being shipped to a town with a quantity of salvaged supplies. I have and have used it every year since and have used it in every year of my hunting expeditions. I suppose you have killed 20 or 25 deer with it, but I have decided to try and locate the owner and return it to him for a reward."

The letter went on to explain some of the writer's experiences in France and closed with a request to notify him if Doctor Nalbert was the right man. Mr. Richardson had written a letter to the War Department requesting Doctor Nalbert's address and the letter was forwarded to Doctor Nalbert, who immediately communicated with Mr. Richardson and the above letter was received. Doctor Nalbert wrote immediately and acknowledged ownership of the knife.

A few days later he received the knife still encased in its leather sheath bearing his name and a letter, parts of which follow:

"You are the owner of that knife after all. Well! Well! I'm glad they didn't list you as missing or worse to that effect."

"I wish that I could give you more information regarding your medals, but I am afraid that all I can give will be a clue for you to make the most of. Here is the whole story."

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"I found all that stuff belonging to the First division stored all over the country, and I didn't see how they were going to use it again, but I was going by G. H. Q. to see that it was properly released. A Lieutenant Stevens of the G. M. C. was sent in to do the salvage work."

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DUMBBELL CLUB IS FORMED BY FLYERS

Army Officers Organize Select Fraternity.

San Antonio, Texas.—Kelly field here now has a select fraternity rivaling the famous Flying Jacks club of Wright field. It is called the Dumbbell club, and, like the other organizations, has a membership limited to officers who distinguished themselves by some prize bid of bonedified flying.

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"GHOSTLY" CHORDS STARTLE FAMILY

Mysterious Notes Come From Piano at Night.

Nottingham, England.—Berle chords struck from an unattended piano in the dead of night have nearly succeeded in convincing the skeptical Eason family of Cottingham road, Nottingham, that there are such things as ghosts.

Recently after Mrs. Arthur Eason, who is seventy-six years old and her three daughters had retired for the night they were startled by loud chords struck on the piano downstairs, and simultaneously heard sounds as if furniture was being moved about.

Sidewalk Artist Copies

Works of "Old Masters"

London.—Persons coming out of the Burlington House, Piccadilly, where the \$150,000 exhibition of Dutch paintings is in progress, have been amazed to see beautiful copies of some of the principal exhibits painted in the street pavement nearby.

Radio Waves Mix

Texts of 3 Speakers

Concordia, Kan.—Three stations on the same wave length resulted in the following broadcast on a radio here:

First False Teeth Worn

by Woman of 300 B. C.

Santa Monica, Calif.—The first false teeth, so far as we know today, were worn by a woman. Skeletons of a woman of 300 B. C., according to Dr. Roy L. Moore, well-known anatomist.

Mule Kicks Piano

"Our brave hero kicked his chops and, turning to his machine, said: 'Watch me down the quartermaster's list!'"

Round Home

by CHAS. S. KINNISON

The First Tooth

Collegians Seek Jobs in Paraguay Army

Act to Remove U. S. War Dead from Russ Soil

California Scientist

Backs Boy's Ability

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